

THE SILVER ADVANCE.

The price of silver bullion is advancing in New York City. The immediate cause of this is the purchase of silver by the French syndicates, two of which are said to be buying the metal for speculative purposes.

It is generally conceded that Congress will pass a free coinage bill, and there is a strong probability that such a measure will have sufficient support in both Houses to pass it over the President's veto. However that may be silver is certain to advance in price in the near future and there is no safer or better investment today for capital than silver bars.

It is evident that there is not gold enough in the world to supply the demand for money and it is intimated that there is a scarcity of silver as well as gold in Europe. Every silver dollar and bar of bullion in the United States Treasury vaults is represented in currency of the country by silver certificates, yet the demand for more money is increasing.

The surplus has vanished from the treasury and the extension of time for redemption of bonds by the Government tends to make money scarcer. This emphasizes the demand of the masses of the people for free coinage, and, as a consequence, enhances the market value of silver bullion.

The people of Nevada, merchants and farmers as well as miners, now look to free coinage as the only immediate remedy for dull times. An advance of twenty-five or thirty cents an ounce in the price of the metal will revivify the State. It will create a demand for mines, give employment to thousands and increase the revenue fifty per cent. within a year.

Raising Snow Plants.

The Truckee Republican says Mr. S. P. Johnson is enthusiastic on the subject of botany and floriculture. For years he has made a study of the snow plant, that beautiful specimen of plant life found only in the Sierras. His work has been in the direction of endeavoring to propagate them, a task heretofore considered impossible. After many failures he succeeded in being able to reproduce them to a great extent. The plant is reproduced in the manner of mushrooms, and one must have peculiar conditions to successfully raise them. Mr. Johnson succeeded in raising a large bed of them in Plumas last year, but being away from the lines of commerce, he found no profit in the undertaking. This year he came to Truckee and after hunting around found a desirable location about three and a half miles from town in the thick woods, where the snow fall is heavy. As soon as the snow was off the ground he prepared about an acre of rich soil and started a snow plant bed. The red tips of the plants are now pushing themselves through the ground and in about another week he will commence supplying the market. He has orders from San Francisco florists to take all of this year's crop at good figures and expects to make \$500 this year.

A scheme, which had its origin in Texas, is being discussed in Grand Army circles. It is the building of a gigantic monument at the nation's capital, which will overtop the Washington monument as that overtops others—to be erected in memory of the valor and patriotism of the Federals and Confederates alike. Such a monument would stand for generations as a testimonial of the fact that the men of the present day were as magnanimous as they were brave.

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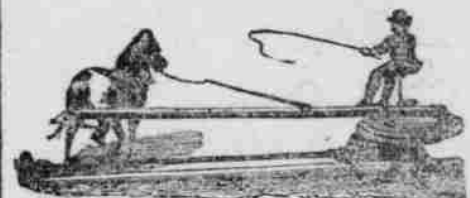
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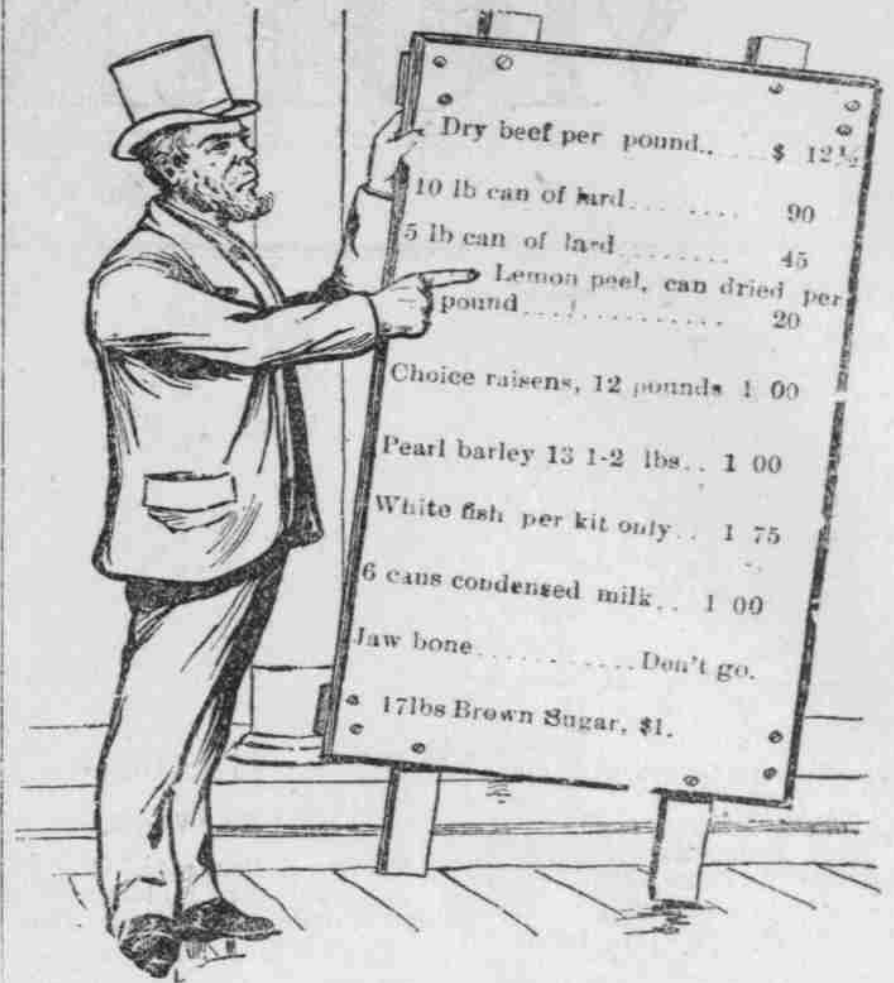
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